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3. **JORDAN:** Cabinet resigns over proposed Israeli pact--  
US Legation Amman reports that Jordanian Prime Minister Tawfig Pasha's Cabinet has resigned after an all-day session in which its members vainly attempted to dissuade King Abdullah from pressing his plans for seeking an immediate Israeli-Jordanian settlement. The Legation adds that the King has reportedly asked Samir Pasharifai to form a new government.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Tawfig's resignation does not materially affect the chances for acceptance of the proposed Israeli-Jordanian pact. King Abdullah, who represents the only real political power in Jordan, has already anticipated just such an eventuality by asserting that if Tawfig's Cabinet failed to accept his Palestine policy he would get a Cabinet that would.)

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4. **CHINA:** Views concerning Chiang's return--US Charge Strong in Taipei expresses the opinion that the internal situation on Taiwan has not been altered materially by Chiang Kai-shek's resumption of the presidency of the National Government of China. Strong comments that military powers on the island will remain in the same hands and that Chiang will continue his "divide and rule" tactics. Strong concludes that Chiang's return is no reason either for optimism or increased pessimism.

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